

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicular air bag device, comprising:

an air bag body;

an air bag lid portion;

a hinge portion; and

a door member disposed on a rear face of said air bag lid portion and pressed by an inflation pressure of said air bag body to be swung via said hinge portion to form an inflation opening in said air bag lid portion[[:]] ,

wherein said hinge portion comprises a first hinge portion, and a second hinge portion disposed on a door member open-end side of said first hinge portion; ~~and~~

wherein said second hinge portion is bent in a stage where the inflation pressure of said air bag body is lower than a predetermined value to cause formation of said inflation opening to be started; and

wherein said first hinge portion has a flexural rigidity greater than said second hinge portion.

2. (Previously Presented) A vehicular air bag device comprising:

an air bag body;

an air bag lid portion;

a hinge portion; and

a door member disposed on a rear face of said air bag lid portion and pressed by an inflation pressure of said air bag body to be swung via said hinge portion to form an inflation opening in said air bag lid portion;

wherein said hinge portion comprises a first hinge portion, and a second hinge portion disposed on a door member open-end side of said first hinge portion;

wherein said second hinge portion is bent in a stage where the inflation pressure of said air bag body is lower than a predetermined value to cause formation of said inflation opening to be started, and

wherein said vehicular air bag device further comprises a portion defining a recess which increases an axis-to-axis distance between hinge axes of said first and second hinge portions, said recess being formed in a basal area of said first hinge portion.

3. (Previously Presented) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 1, wherein said first hinge portion is tapered so as to be inclined toward a side of a fixing end of said door member in a direction along said second hinge portion in a lateral width direction of said door member.

4. (Original) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 1, wherein a weakened portion is disposed in each of both sides of a door portion of said door member.

5. (Previously Presented) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 1, wherein said second hinge portion is disposed in each of a center area and two side areas of said door member.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The vehicular air bag device according to claim [[6]] 1, wherein said first hinge portion only bends when the inflation pressure of said air bag body is at least the predetermined value.

8. (Previously Presented) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of each of the first and second hinge portions themselves bend.

9. (Previously Presented) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 8, wherein the first and second hinge portions themselves bend in response to two different levels of inflation pressure, respectively.

10. (Previously Presented) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined value is an operational value at which the air bag operates.

11. (Previously Presented) The vehicular air bag device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second hinge portions are integrally formed.